



How to Earn Good Deeds After Death



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Inheriting From the Prophets

Chapter One

One of the greatest blessings from Allah ﷻ is that He has provided us with various ways to continue earning rewards after our death. The Prophet ﷺ mentioned that there are seven deeds whose rewards continue to benefit us even while we are in our graves.

The Prophet ﷺ said in another hadith:

1

إِذَا مَاتَ الْإِنْسَانُ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ [...]

When a man dies, his acts come to an end, but three [...]

[Sahih Muslim 1631]

This chapter will focus on the first of these deeds: teaching beneficial knowledge

Teaching knowledge

is a powerful way to earn ongoing rewards.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

2

سَبْعٌ يَجْرِي لِلْعَبْدِ أَجْرُهُنَّ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهِ وَهُوَ فِي قَبْرِهِ مَنْ عَلَّمَ عِلْمًا [...]

“Seven deeds of a servant continue to be rewarded after his death while he is in his grave: knowledge to be learned [...]

[Musnad al-Bazzār 2773]

Whether you teach someone the Qur’an, Hadith, or any beneficial knowledge related to the Deen, the rewards for that knowledge will continue to benefit you even after you have passed away.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

3

مَنْ عَلَّمَ آيَةً مِنْ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ كَانَ لَهُ ثَوَابُهَا مَا تُلِيَتْ

“Whoever teaches a verse from the Book of Allah ﷻ will have its reward as it is recited.”

[Hadīth Ibn Shādhān 150]

A scholar, student of knowledge, or Daa’ee who leaves behind a book or recordings of beneficial lessons will be immensely rewarded, as future generations will benefit from their works and find guidance on the straight path, even without ever meeting them.

Consider the example of renowned scholars like Ibn Taymiyyah, whose works continue to benefit people around the world. These scholars may have passed away centuries ago, but their knowledge lives on through their books and teachings. The reward for their efforts continues to reach them in their graves, as people read and learn from their works.

Imam Ibn al-Qayyim wrote in his book Miftaah Daar as-Sa’aadah:

4

”و من تأمل أحوال أئمة الإسلام كأئمة الحديث والفقه، كيف هم تحت التراب و هم في العالمين؛ كأنهم أحياء بينهم لم يَفْقِدُوا منهم إلا صُورَهُمْ، و إلا فذِكْرَهُمْ و حديثهم و الثناء عليهم غير منقطع ؛ و هذه هي الحياة حقا.”

"And whoever contemplates the states of the Imams of Islam, such as the Imams of Hadith and Fiqh, will see that even though they are beneath the soil, it is as if they are still alive among people. Only their physical forms are missing, while their mention, their teachings, and the praise for them remain uninterrupted. This is true life indeed."

[Miftaah Daar as-Sa'aadah]

In today's digital age, we have numerous platforms to disseminate beneficial knowledge. Social media, online courses, blogs, and videos are all powerful tools that can be used to spread authentic Islamic knowledge.

By sharing accurate and beneficial information, you can ensure that the rewards continue to benefit you long after you are gone.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

5

مَنْ دَعَا إِلَى هُدًى كَانَ لَهُ مِنَ الْأَجْرِ مِثْلُ أُجُورِ مَنْ تَبِعَهُ لَا يَنْقُصُ ذَلِكَ مِنْ أُجُورِهِمْ شَيْئًا

“Whoever calls to guidance will have a reward similar to those who follow him, without detracting from their rewards at all.”

[Sahih Muslim 2674]

Teaching beneficial knowledge is one of the most effective ways to earn ongoing rewards after death. Whether through traditional means like books and lectures or modern platforms like social media, the impact of your knowledge can continue to benefit you and others for generations to come. Strive to teach and share beneficial knowledge, and you will, in shaa Allah, see the rewards in the hereafter.

Rewards That Keep Flowing

Chapter Two

The second way to earn good deeds that continue to benefit you after death is by providing water to those in need. It is the act of “إجراء النهر”, or in simpler terms, digging or bringing water to people in the form of a river, lake, or stream. The Prophet ﷺ emphasised the importance of this act and its ongoing rewards.



The Prophet ﷺ said:

1

إِنَّ مِمَّا يَلْحَقُ الْمُؤْمِنَ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ وَحَسَنَاتِهِ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهِ [...] نَهْرًا أَجْرَاهُ

"Among the deeds and good deeds that will befall a believer after his death... is a river that he has flowed."

[Sahih Muslim 1631]

Providing water is a noble act that continues to benefit people long after you have passed away.

By creating rivers, lakes, or streams, you ensure that the community has access to water for drinking, farming, and other essential needs.

In another hadith, the Prophet ﷺ was asked:

2

فَأَيُّ الصَّدَقَةِ أَفْضَلُ قَالَ سَقْيُ الْمَاءِ

“Which charity is best?” The Prophet ﷺ said, “A drink of water.”

[Sunan An-Nasa'i 3664] [Hasan according to Al-Albani]

A lot of countries in the world suffer from water scarcity. Many people die from thirst. By working with or donating to reliable charity organisations that help provide water, you can create an ongoing charity (Sadaqah Jaariyah) for yourself.

This is a noble cause that can bring you immense rewards in the Hereafter.

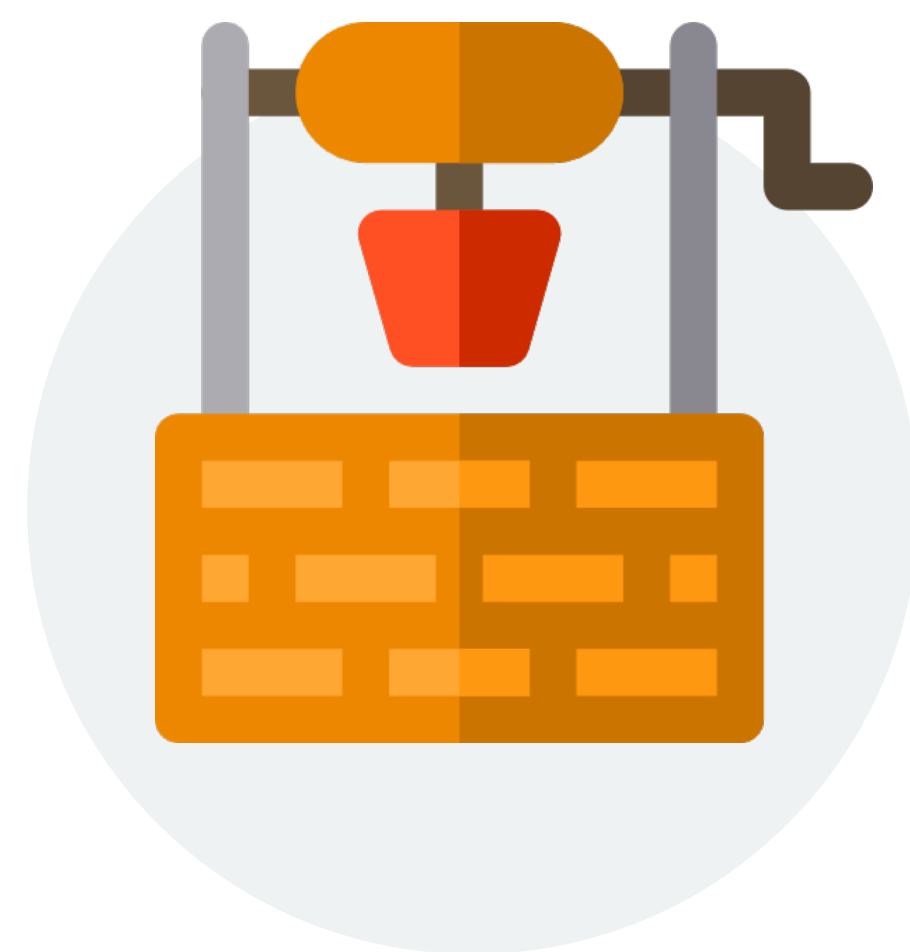
Something "Well" Worth the Effort



Chapter Three

The third action that ensures the continuation of righteous deeds is “حفر الآبار”, or digging a well.

This noble act is emphasised in the hadith of the Prophet ﷺ:



1

سَبْعُ يَجْرِي لِلْعَبْدِ أَجْرُهُنَّ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهِ وَهُوَ فِي قَبْرِهِ [...] حَفَرَ بَيْتًا

“Seven deeds of a servant continue to be rewarded after his death while he is in his grave [...] digging a well”

[Mushnad al-Bazzār 2773]

The Prophet ﷺ emphasised the importance of providing water by digging wells. This act is not only a means of charity but also a way to earn continuous rewards even after one's death.

The Prophet ﷺ narrated an incident about a man who Allah ﷻ forgave for giving water to a thirsty dog:

2

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " بَيْنَا رَجُلٌ يَمْشِي فَاشْتَدَّ عَلَيْهِ الْعَطَشُ، فَنَزَلَ بِئْرًا فَشَرِبَ مِنْهَا، ثُمَّ خَرَجَ فَإِذَا هُوَ بِكَلْبٍ يَلْهَثُ، يَأْكُلُ التُّرَى مِنَ الْعَطَشِ، فَقَالَ لَقَدْ بَلَغَ هَذَا مِثْلَ الَّذِي بَلَغَ بِي فَمَلَأَ خُفَّهُ ثُمَّ أَمْسَكَهُ بِفِيهِ، ثُمَّ رَقِيَ، فَسَقَى الْكَلْبَ فَشَكَرَ اللَّهُ لَهُ، فَغَفَرَ لَهُ ". قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَإِنَّ لَنَا فِي الْبَهَائِمِ أَجْرًا قَالَ " فِي كُلِّ كَبِدٍ رَطْبَةٍ أَجْرٌ ".

Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "While a man was walking he felt thirsty and went down a well and drank water from it. On coming out of it, he saw a dog panting and eating mud because of excessive thirst. The man said, 'This (dog) is suffering from the same problem as that of mine. So he (went down the well), filled his shoe with water, caught hold of it with his teeth and climbed up and watered the dog. Allah thanked him for his (good) deed and forgave him.' The people asked, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! Is there a reward for us in serving (the) animals?" He replied, "Yes, there is a reward for serving any animate."

[Sahih al-Bukhari 2363]

In this hadith, the Sahabah (companions) asked if they would be rewarded for kindness towards animals, to which the Prophet ﷺ affirmed that there is a reward for every living creature.

If forgiveness was granted to a man for providing water to a dog, the reward for giving water to human beings would be even greater.

The Prophet ﷺ explicitly mentioned the act of digging a well and its benefits:



من حفر ماءً لم يشرب منه كبدٌ حرّى من جنٍّ ، و لا إنسٍ ولا طائرٍ ، إلا آجره الله يومَ القيامةِ

Whoever digs water, not a single jinn, human, or bird will drink from it, but Allah will reward him for it on the Day of Resurrection.

[Sahih At-Targheeb]

This hadith highlights that the reward of providing water extends to all beings that benefit from it, not just humans.

A Deed Yielding Everlasting Fruits

Chapter Four

The fourth action that can continue to earn you righteous deeds after your death is planting a tree. This concept is deeply rooted in Islamic teachings, reflecting the importance of environmental stewardship and charity.



The Prophet ﷺ highlighted the significance of planting trees in several Hadiths.

He ﷺ said in a hadith:

1

سَبْعُ يَجْرِي لِلْعَبْدِ أَجْرُهُنَّ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهِ وَهُوَ فِي قَبْرِهِ ... أَوْ غَرَسَ نَخْلًا ...

“Seven deeds of a servant continue to be rewarded after his death while he is in his grave: planting a date-palm tree...”

[Musnad al-Bazzār 2773]

The Prophet ﷺ compared the Muslim to the palm tree. He said:

2

إِنَّ مَثَلَ الْمُؤْمِنِ كَمَثَلِ النَّخْلَةِ، مَا أَخَذْتَ مِنْهَا مِنْ شَيْءٍ نَفَعَكَ

"The example of the believer is like that of a date palm tree. Whatever you take from it, it benefits you."

[Al-Mu'jam al-Kabīr lil-Ṭabarānī 13514]

The date palm is an exemplary tree due to its numerous benefits. The fruit, dates, are highly nutritious and a staple in many Muslim countries. The tree also provides shade, which is invaluable in hot climates. By planting such a tree, a Muslim can earn continuous rewards, as every person, animal, or bird that benefits from it contributes to the planter's ongoing Sadaqah Jaariyah (continuous charity).

Another notable Hadith narrated by Anas ibn Maalik states:

3

حَدَّثَنَا قُتَيْبَةُ بْنُ سَعِيدٍ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عَوَانَةَ، ح وَحَدَّثَنِي عَبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنُ الْمُبَارَكِ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عَوَانَةَ، عَنْ قَتَادَةَ، عَنْ أَنَسٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ يَغْرِسُ غَرْسًا، أَوْ يَزْرَعُ زَرْعًا، فَيَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ طَيْرٌ أَوْ إِنْسَانٌ أَوْ بَهِيمَةٌ، إِلَّا كَانَ لَهُ بِهِ صَدَقَةٌ "

Narrated Anas bin Malik: Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "There is none amongst the Muslims who plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, but is regarded as a charitable gift for him"

[Sahih al-Bukhari 2320]

The Prophet ﷺ emphasised the urgency and importance of good deeds, regardless of the impending end of the world. He stated:

4

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو الْوَلِيدِ، قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا حَمَّادُ بْنُ سَلَمَةَ، عَنْ هِشَامِ بْنِ زَيْدٍ، عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: إِنْ قَامَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَفِي يَدِ أَحَدِكُمْ فَسِيلَةٌ، فَإِنْ اسْتَطَاعَ أَنْ لَا تَقُومَ حَتَّى يَغْرِسَهَا فَلْيَغْرِسْهَا.

Anas ibn Malik reported that the Prophet ﷺ said, "If the Final Hour comes while you have a shoot of a plant in your hands and it is possible to plant it before the Hour comes, you should plant it"

[Mushnad Ahmad 12902]

The Prophet ﷺ emphasised the urgency and importance of good deeds, regardless of the impending end of the world. He said, "If the Hour comes while you have a seed in your hand, and you can plant it before the Hour comes, then plant it". This illustrates the Islamic principle of continuous action and the eternal significance of righteous deeds.

Islam teaches the importance of caring for the Earth. The current environmental issues, such as deforestation and climate change, should concern Muslims. By planting trees, Muslims contribute to the environment's health and fulfill their duty as stewards of the Earth.

A Place Cherished by Allah ﷺ

Chapter Five

The fifth significant action is to build a masjid.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

1

سَبْعُ يَجْرِي لِلْعَبْدِ أَجْرُهُنَّ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهِ
وَهُوَ فِي قَبْرِهِ ... أَوْ بَنَى مَسْجِدًا ...

“Seven deeds of a servant continue to be rewarded after his death while he is in his grave: building a mosque ...

[Musnad al-Bazzār 2773]



2

أَحَبُّ الْبِلَادِ إِلَى اللَّهِ مَسَاجِدُهَا ...

“The most beloved of places to Allah are the mosques...”

[Saheeh Muslim 671]

Maintaining and taking care of a masjid is a sign of Imaan. Allah ﷻ says in the Qur’an:

3

إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ

The mosques of Allāh are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allāh and the Last Day ...

[Surah At-Tawbah 18]

Scholars explain that ‘Imaarah of the Masjid involves **two aspects**:

- **Tangible Aspect: Building the masjid**
- **Spiritual Aspect: Establishing prayers, reciting the Qur’an, and conducting circles of knowledge within the masjid**

As mentioned in Surah An-Noor:

4

فِي بُيُوتٍ أُذِنَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ تُرْفَعَ وَيُذْكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ يُسَبِّحُ لَهُ فِيهَا بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ ۖ ۝٣٦ رِجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِيهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ ۖ يَخَافُونَ يَوْمًا تَتَقَلَّبُ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَالْأَبْصَارُ

[Such niches are] in houses [i.e., mosques] which Allāh has ordered to be raised and that His name be mentioned [i.e., praised] therein; exalting Him within them in the morning and the evenings [Are] men whom neither commerce nor sale distracts from the remembrance of Allāh and performance of prayer and giving of zakāh. They fear a Day in which the hearts and eyes will [fearfully] turn about

[Surah An-Nur 36-37]

Building a masjid brings immense rewards. The Prophet ﷺ said in a hadith:



" مَنْ بَنَى مَسْجِدًا لِلَّهِ كَمَفْحَصِ قَطَاةٍ أَوْ أَصْغَرَ بَنَى اللَّهُ لَهُ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ " .

"Whoever builds a mosque for the sake of Allah, like a sparrow's nest for Allah or even smaller, Allah will build for him a house in Paradise."

[Sunan Ibn Majah 738]

This highlights the importance and reward of contributing to a masjid, regardless of the scale of the contribution.

A Mushaf for Everyone

Chapter Six

The sixth significant action that can ensure your righteous deeds continue is printing copies of the Qur'an (Masahif).

The Prophet ﷺ mentioned in the hadith narrated by Anas ibn Malik:



1

سَبْعٌ يَجْرِي لِلْعَبْدِ أَجْرُهُنَّ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِهِ وَهُوَ فِي قَبْرِهِ ... أَوْ وَرَثَ مُصْحَفًا

“Seven deeds of a servant continue to be rewarded after his death while he is in his grave: handing down a written copy of the Quran ...”

[Musnad al-Bazzār 2773]

When you print a Mushaf and people benefit from it, you receive rewards. You gain the reward of those who read, memorise, and study the Qur'an. Therefore, printing the Mushaf is a powerful way to ensure your righteous deeds continue to benefit you.

If Allah ﷻ has blessed you with the means to print the Qur'an, it is essential to ensure that these copies are free from errors.

Additionally, supporting printing houses financially to produce accurate copies of the Qur'an is another way to gain immense rewards. Every person who reads from these copies will contribute to your reward.

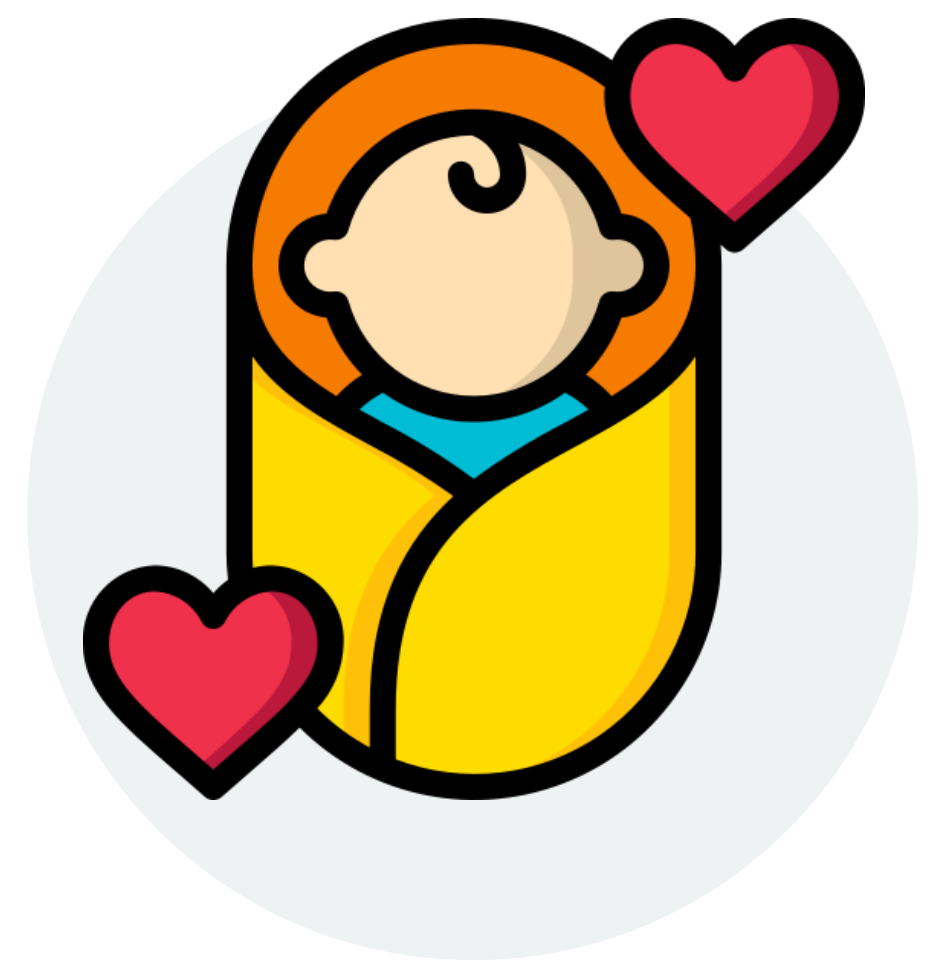
This is the sixth action that can ensure your righteous deeds continue. In our next section, we will discuss the final action, which is nurturing your children in righteousness.

Your Beloved Amaanah



Chapter Seven

Nurturing children upon righteousness is essential for ensuring that righteous deeds continue. Children are an Amaanah (trust), and it is a significant responsibility to raise them in a manner that pleases Allah ﷻ.



Allah ﷻ states in Surah Al-Ma'aarij that the righteous slaves are those who take care of what they have been entrusted with and fulfil their responsibilities:

1

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ لِأَمَانَاتِهِمْ وَعَهْدِهِمْ رَاعُونَ

"The ones who faithfully observe their trusts and their covenants."

[Surah Al-Ma'aarij 32]

The Prophet ﷺ emphasised that children are a result of their parents' work and efforts:

2

وإن أولادكم من كسبكم.

"And indeed your children are from your earnings."

[Jami` at-Tirmidhi 1358]

According to a hadith narrated by Abu Hurairah, the Prophet ﷺ said:

3

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَيَرْفَعُ الدَّرَجَةَ لِلْعَبْدِ الصَّالِحِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ فَيَقُولُ يَا رَبِّ أُنِّي لِي هَذِهِ فَيَقُولُ بِاسْتِغْفَارٍ وَلَدِكَ لَكَ

"Verily, Allah Almighty will raise the status of His righteous servants in Paradise, and they will say: O Lord, what is this? Allah will say: This is your child seeking forgiveness for you."

[Mushad Ahmad 10610]

This underscores the importance of raising righteous children, as their du'as (supplications) and good deeds can benefit their parents even after death. Ensuring that children are nurtured in a way that they understand and practise Islam sincerely can have lasting rewards.

In conclusion, nurturing children upon righteousness is a crucial action that ensures the continuation of righteous deeds.



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